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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 September 2001.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 September 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/14/01.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6 are pending.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details. Correction is required in line 4 and line 7 of the abstract where the legal phrase "said" is used. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

4. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is unclear what is meant by the last 3 lines in the abstract, "Application for protecting exchanges on communication networks. (Figure 1)". Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

5. Claims 4-6 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 5 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
7. Regarding claim 5, the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention.

See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Hereafter patent literature that is referenced as prior art will be cited by column and line number in the form of (column number:line number range). For example, the citation (6:23-27) refers to lines 23-27 of the 6th column in the reference.

8. Claims 1-3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kausik, U.S. Patent No. 6,170,058 in view of Chaum, U.S. Patent No. 4,529,870.

As per claim 1:

Kausik substantially teaches a method for checking the signature of a message, characterised in that it comprises stages according to which:

the message, signature and certificate are loaded from the storage device onto a protected device connected to said storage device of the recipient (2:56-60 wherein the computer is the storage device);

the certificate in the protected device is checked by means of a public key of a reliable third party associated with said certificate (2:25-27, 29-31, 34-37);

when the certificate is verified, a reduction of the message is calculated in the protected device (2:6-8);

the signature with the public key of the signer are decrypted in said protected device (2:15-19);

the signature decrypted is compared with the carried out reduction (2:15-19).

Kausik fails to teach a method comprising sending data from the protected device to a display device that is separate from the computer which constitutes the storage device. However, Chaum discloses a method comprising verifying the identification of a card holder by sending information to a display device for verification (13:30-35).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to send the results of the certificate and signature verification process to a display device. This would allow the message recipient a means of witnessing the results of the certificate and signature comparisons in addition to

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ensuring the card user/sender is legitimate as opposed to the dangers of utilizing a simple PIN number (11:19-26).

As per claim 2:

Kausik and Chaum substantially teach a method as applied to claim 1 above and furthermore, Kausik discloses a checking method characterised in that during loading of the certificate the public key of the reliable third party is loaded (2:32-34).

As per claim 3:

Kausik and Chaum substantially teach a method as applied to claim 1 above and furthermore, Chaum discloses a method characterised in that said protected device is constituted by a microprocessor card placed in a box connected firstly to said storage device, and secondly to said display device (5:18-20).

Conclusion

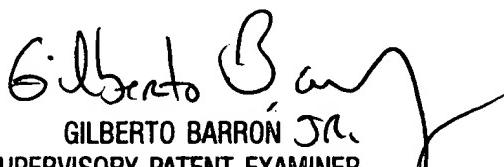
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristin Derwich whose telephone number is 571-272-7958. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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